Financial Assistance to Golconda and Kutabshahl Monuments

1862. PROF. C LAKSHMANNA: "Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider extension of financial assistance to Golconda and Kutabshahi monuments under National Heritage Programme;

(b) whether Government are aware that these Archaeological monuments are under -threat of occupation hy land grabbers; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take alongwith Archaeological Survey of India to protect these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Golconda Fort is Centrally protected and the Kutabshahi tombs are protected by the State Government and are looked after by the Government concerned for maintenance a_s well as guarding encroachment.

(c) The Central Government has ^notified the protected limit and privately owned land within the fort has been declared as prohibited for construction purposes. To check, encroachments round the clock vigil is maintained in the area. ;

Railway Officers posted in the Ambala Division of Northern Railway

1863 DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be . pleased to state-.

(a) whether *h* is a fact that most of the officers posted in the newly «reatea Ambala Division of the Northern Railway are drawn from Delhi;

(b) whether it is *sAsQ.* $_a$ fac$ that . most of the officers such as Senior Divisional Accounts Office$_r$ in the aforesaid Division are frequently either on leave o$_r$ are on tour and thug n^ available in the office;

(c) what steps Government propose to take by, making Government accommodatioh available at Ambala itself with a view to ensure that the officers are continuously available in the office; and

(d) whethe it is also a fact that some officer such as the Senior Divisional Accounts Officers have submitted a representation- based on false considerations for transfer back to Delhi; if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SH3I MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Drop-out Rate in Primary and Middle Schools

1864. SHRI KANHU CHARAN" LENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN" - RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

' (a) what is the present average drop out irate in primary and middle schools in the country and in the State of Orissa; and

(b) what are the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) According to latest available information pertaining in 1981-82, the average dropout rate in the country at primary stage was 50.5% and 72.1% at middle stage. During the same year